

Remarks

Claims 8-12 are pending in the present application after cancellation of claim 7. Claim 8 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

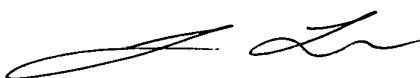
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 10-12 have been allowed.

The Examiner objected to claims 8 and 9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, i.e., claim 7, but the Examiner indicated that claims 8 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Since claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the features of base claim 7, Applicants submit that claim 8 and its dependent claim 9 are in condition for allowance.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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